

What Can I Do to Make Sure I Understand My Book?



Strategy	What does it look like?
Picture Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before I read I look at all the pictures in the book. • I am sure to notice all the details in the pictures and think about what they tell me about the book. • I make a prediction for what I think might happen in the book.
Re-Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After I have read the book, I go back and read the whole book again to make sure I understand what has happened. • If I read a part and it doesn't make sense, I go back and re-read the part again to see if I can figure it out.
Questioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I listen to my "inner voice" and think about the questions that come to my mind. • I ask myself WHY I think the author chose to write about these characters and events. • I try to find answers to some of the questions I have about the story by reading further.
Visualizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think about the details the author has written and try to make a picture in my mind of what is happening. • I make a picture in my mind of what I think will happen in the book.
Summarizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When I pick up my book to start where I left off, I think about what has already happened in the book. • When I finish a book I am able to tell a friend or a teacher what the book is all about.
Stating Some Facts (for Nonfiction Texts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After looking at or reading the book, I can remember some new facts about the topic to share with friends. • After looking at or reading the book, I am able to write some new facts that I learned. • If I forget some of the new facts I learned, I know where to look in my book to find the answers.

